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Re: Serial No. 09/940,141

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Please find attached:

- Transmittal Letter for Amendment (1 page)
- Response to Office Action dated December 30, 2004 (15 pages)

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Docket No. PD-201118  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Douglas A. Chelene, et al. : Date: March 30, 2005  
Serial No. 09/940,141 : Group Art Unit: 2144  
Filed: August 23, 2001 : Examiner: Olga Hernandez  
For: SINGLE-MODEM MULTI-USER VIRTUAL  
PRIVATE NETWORK

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.  
Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated December 30, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

\_\_\_\_ No additional fee for claims is required.

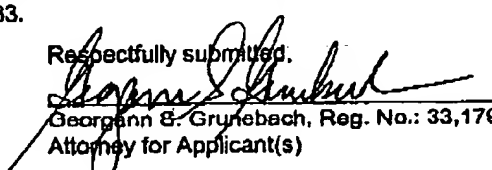
☒ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	minus	23*	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$	00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	3**	=	0	x	\$ 200.00	\$	200.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 360.00	\$	00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$	200.00

Charge \$200.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

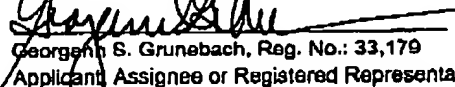
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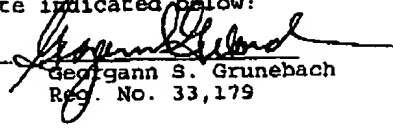
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 30,  
2004, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks: